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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IV
Ms. Cindy J. Nolan, EPA Region IV Brownfields Coordinator
Atlanta Federal Center
61 Forsyth Street, S.W., 10th Floor
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960

Reference: 2015 Brownfields Assessment Coalition Grant

Dear Ms. Nolan:

The City of Natchez is pleased to have this opportunity to pursue funding assistance through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's 2015 Brownfields Assessment Coalition Grant Program. Our coalition not only consists of the city as the lead coalition member but also includes the Adams County Board of Supervisors and Natchez, Inc., our economic development arm.

The City of Natchez and Adams County are located in rural southwest Mississippi along the banks and bluffs of the Mississippi River, with the city serving as the county seat. Natchez is one of the oldest settlements on the Mississippi River and one of the oldest cities in Mississippi, having been settled in 1716 and incorporated in 1803. Based on the 2010 Census, the population of Adams County is 32,297.

The City of Natchez and our partners is seeking funding consideration to apply for a community-wide coalition assessment grant to address both hazardous and petroleum-related contamination in the amount of \$600,000. It is our anticipation that the project timeline will consist of approximately three years. Assuming a contract award in June 2015, we anticipate finalization of assessment activities by May 2018.

The City of Natchez and our coalition partners have developed and are implementing an aggressive industrial recruiting program to attract industry to our community. Our coalition anticipates that the proposed countywide brownfield assessment project will assist in our industrial recruitment and job creation goals. It should also be noted that although the city has previously applied for brownfields assessment funding, we have to date not received funding.

Included below is the specific information required for the cover letter as outlined in the 2015 Program Year Proposal Guidelines:

- a. Applicant Identification: **City of Natchez, Mississippi.**
- b. Applicant DUNS Number: **064641285**
- c. Funding Requested:
 - i. Grant Type: **Coalition Assessment**
 - ii. Federal Funds Requested: **\$600,000**

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- iii. Contamination: **\$300,000 Hazardous Substances and \$300,000 Petroleum**
- iv. Grant Target: **Community-wide**
- d. Location: **Adams County, Mississippi**
- e. Site-specific Property Name and Address: **Not applicable (community-wide request)**
- f. Contacts:

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- g. Date Submitted: **December 19, 2014**
- h. Project Period: **June 2015 – June 2018 (3 Years)**
- i. Population:
 - i. General Population: **32,297 (2010 Census Data)**
 - ii. Target Area Population: **Not applicable (applicant is a general purpose unit of local government).**

Once again, the City of Natchez is pleased to have this opportunity to submit a 2015 Brownfields Assessment Coalition Grant and looks forward to working with the Environmental Protection Agency in this endeavor. Should you require additional information or if I can be of service in any manner, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


Larry L. Brown, Sr.
Mayor